

REMARKS

Applicants filed a Request for Reconsideration in the present application on October 29, 2008. The October 29 Request for Reconsideration was filed in response to a non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2008. On page 1 the Office Action of January 22, 2009 is identified as responsive to a communication filed on “20 November 2007” and indicates that Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Applicants submit that page 1 of the January 22 Office Action contain errors with respect to both the communication date and the pending claims. The January 22 Office Action should be responsive to Applicants’ Request for Reconsideration of October 28, 2009 and Claims 1 and 4-19 should be identified as pending claims.

The January 22 Office Action appears to be word-for-word the same as the detailed action set forth on pages 2-7 of the February 8, 2008 Office Action.

It appears that the January 22 Office Action contains one or more errors. For example, the January 22 Office Action indicates that a rejection over Sawahara (US 6,294,639) in combination with Miyama (US 6,808,766) was “necessitated by amendment”. However, Applicants’ October 29 Request for Reconsideration did not amend the claims. Thus, the Office’s assertion that the rejection was necessitated by amendment is not correct.

Applicants submit that the finality of the January 22 Office Action should be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance mailed.

Applicants further note that the rejections set forth in the January 22 Office Action duplicating the February 8, 2008 Office Action were overcome by Applicants’ amendment of July 8, 2008. For example, the present Claim 1 recites a polyimide precursor that is different from the compounds and/or polyimides of Sawahara and Miyama.

The rejection of the present claims as set forth in the January 22 Office Action is therefore further not supportable and should be withdrawn.

Applicants thank Examiner Listvoyb for discussing the Office Action of January 22, 2009 with Applicants' U.S. representative on February 26, 2009. During the discussion Applicants' U.S. representative pointed out errors in the January 22, 2009 Office Action.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Amendments filed in the present case on July 8, 2008 and October 29, 2008 included a request for the Office to return a signed and dated copy of the IDS submitted on August 3, 2009. Applicants again request the Office to provide a signed and dated copy of the August 3, 2009 IDS to acknowledge consideration of the references provided thereon during the examination of the present application.

For the reasons stated above in detail, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and the allowance of all now-pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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